Traffic-Checking Stations.

208 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to interpellation No. 143 answered on the 6th August 1936, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of traffic-checking stations in the State;

(*b*) the amount of rent paid to these stations per mensem; and

(*c*) whether checking staff is retained for more than 6 months in a station?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) 45

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) No period is fixed for the retention of a constable in a checking station.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the traffic checking stations numbering 45, are all located in Government buildings?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether no rent is given for the buildings that do not belong to Government?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): No rent is given.

Departmental Tests in the Revenue Department.

209. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer to interpellation No. 162 answered on the 6th August 1936, will the Government be pleased to state whether any preference is given to those who have passed the Revenue Tests earlier?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No preference is shown on the ground that a subordinate has passed the Revenue Test earlier than his senior if at the time the vacancy occurs in the higher grade the latter has passed the test.

Accidents on the Main Road.

210. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of accidents that took place on the Main Road from the Museum to the East Fort, Trivandrum, during 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111 and 1112 M. E. (till 16-3-1112)?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*):

1108	5
1109	13
1110	7
1111	6
1112 (till 16-3-1112).	2

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumagad*): May I know what proposals have been adopted by Government in order to ward off accidents on the main road here from Museum to East Fort?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): We are attempting to educate people in road sense.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any proposal to widen the road and thus to ward off accidents?

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MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commisioner of Police*): I have no idea.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the number of casualities on account of this?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

Motor fares of Service Buses.

211. ***MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will Government be pleased to state with reference to the rates of fare fixed by the owners of service buses plying for hire in the Trivandrum—Quilon line and the Trivandrum—Nagercoil line:

(*a*) whether the passenger's fare fixed for the Trivandrum-Quilon line, which is about 44 miles long is 7 annas per head, while for the Trivandrum-Nagercoil line which is about 42 miles long it is 12 annas; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have enquired into the gross injustice to the public consequent on such difference in fare?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No; there is no provision in the Motor Vehicles Regulation or the rules thereunder in pursance of which passenger fares can be fixed.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether the Commissioner of Police or Government have considered the great inconvenience caused by the inequality in the fares for buses plying for hire in the Trivandrum—Quilon line and Trivandrum—Nagercoil line?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): In the Trivandrum-Quilon road there is the road-rail competition. That is the reason why passenger fare is very much reduced in that road. There is no such competition between Trivandrum and Nagercoil.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Would it not be possible to remove this inequality in the matter of fares when the Government takes up the motor traffic?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Well, it may be possible.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know with regard to the traffic between Trivandrum and Nagercoil whether any monopoly is given to two Companies?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There must be; else the buses will not run.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether bus traffic is heavier on the M. S. road or on the Trivandrum-Quilon road?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I have no idea at present for his immediate reply.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): With regard to the Trivandrum—Nagercoil line, has not competition been made impossible on account of the timings granted for the various buses?

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